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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

- 1) Heading of the Part: Youth Hunting Seasons
- 2) Code Citation: 17 Ill. Adm. Code 685
- 3)

<u>Section Numbers:</u>	<u>Proposed Action:</u>
685.10	Amendment
685.40	Amendment
685.50	Amendment
- 4) Statutory Authority: Implementing and authorized by Sections 1.3, 1.4, 2.24, 2.25, 2.26 and 3.36 of the Wildlife Code [520 ILCS 5/1.3, 1.4, 2.24, 2.25, 2.26 and 3.36].
- 5) A Complete Description of the Subjects and Issues Involved: This Part is being amended to allow unfilled youth deer permits to be used during the first firearm deer season and to clarify which public lands can allow this type of use.
- 6) Published studies or reports, and sources of underlying data, used to compose this rulemaking: None
- 7) Will this rulemaking replace any emergency rulemaking currently in effect? No
- 8) Does this rulemaking contain an automatic repeal date? No
- 9) Does this rulemaking contain incorporations by reference? No
- 10) Are there any other proposed rulemakings pending on this Part? Yes

<u>Section Numbers</u>	<u>Proposed Action</u>	<u>Illinois Register Citation</u>
685.110	Amendment	39 Ill. Reg. 4691, April 3, 2015
- 11) Statement of Statewide Policy Objective: This rulemaking neither creates, nor expands, any State mandate affecting units of local government.
- 12) Time, Place and Manner in which interested persons may comment on this proposed rulemaking: Comments on the proposed rulemaking may be submitted in writing for a period of 45 days following publication of this Notice to:

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- 13) Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis:
- A) Types of small businesses, small municipalities and not for profit corporations affected: None
 - B) Reporting, bookkeeping or other procedures required for compliance: None
 - C) Types of professional skills necessary for compliance: None
- 14) Regulatory Agenda on which this rulemaking was summarized: July 2015

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TITLE 17: CONSERVATION

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PART 685

YOUTH HUNTING SEASONS

Section

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685.60	Rejection of Application/Revocation of Deer Permits
685.70	Regulations at Various Department-Owned or -Managed Sites
685.80	Youth White-Tailed Deer Hunt (Repealed)
685.90	Heritage Youth Wild Turkey Hunt – Spring Season (Repealed)
685.100	Youth Pheasant Hunting (Repealed)
685.110	Youth Waterfowl Hunting
685.120	Youth Dove Hunting (Repealed)

AUTHORITY: Implementing and authorized by Sections 1.3, 1.4, 2.24, 2.25, 2.26 and 3.36 of the Wildlife Code [520 ILCS 5/1.3, 1.4, 2.24, 2.25, 2.26 and 3.36].

SOURCE: Adopted at 20 Ill. Reg. 12452, effective August 30, 1996; amended at 21 Ill. Reg. 14548, effective October 24, 1997; amended at 25 Ill. Reg. 6904, effective May 21, 2001; amended at 26 Ill. Reg. 4418, effective March 11, 2002; amended at 26 Ill. Reg. 13828, effective September 5, 2002; amended at 27 Ill. Reg. 14332, effective August 25, 2003; amended at 29 Ill. Reg. 20469, effective December 2, 2005; amended at 30 Ill. Reg. 12222, effective June 28, 2006; emergency amendment at 31 Ill. Reg. 12096, effective August 1, 2007, for a maximum of 150 days; amended at 31 Ill. Reg. 14829, effective October 18, 2007; amended at 32 Ill. Reg. 10115, effective June 30, 2008; amended at 33 Ill. Reg. 11609, effective July 27, 2009; amended at 34 Ill. Reg. 4863, effective March 19, 2010; amended at 35 Ill. Reg. 13228, effective July 26, 2011; amended at 37 Ill. Reg. 19277, effective November 14, 2013; amended at 38 Ill. Reg. 22772, effective November 18, 2014; amended at 39 Ill. Reg. _____, effective _____.

Section 685.10 Statewide Season for White-Tailed Deer Hunting

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- a) Season: One-half hour before sunrise on Saturday of the State designated Columbus Day Holiday weekend to ½ hour after sunset on Sunday of that weekend. Shooting hours are ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset. A hunter with an unfilled, valid Youth Deer Permit may also hunt during the first firearm deer season (the 3-day weekend – Friday, Saturday and Sunday – immediately before Thanksgiving), subject to the following restrictions:
- 1) Unfilled Youth Deer Permits are not valid for hunting during the first firearm deer season on public land sites that limit the number of hunters during the firearm season via the use of a site permit quota (i.e., only public sites that allow unrestricted access may be hunted);
 - 2) the hunter must use only firearms allowed in Section 685.30; and
 - 3) hunters must abide by Section 685.60 when hunting on Department-owned or –managed sites.
- b) Open Counties: All counties except Cook, DuPage and Lake Counties, and that portion of Kane County east of State Route 47.
- c) Hunting outside the set season dates is a Class B misdemeanor (see 520 ILCS 5/2.24); and hunting prior to ½ hour before sunrise or after ½ hour after sunset is a Class A misdemeanor with a minimum \$500 fine and a maximum \$5,000 fine, in addition to other statutory penalties (see 520 ILCS 5/2.33(y)).

(Source: Amended at 39 Ill. Reg. _____, effective _____)

Section 685.40 Statewide Deer Hunting Rules

- a) Bag limits: One deer per legally authorized permit. All either-sex permits are subject to the following restrictions: no hunter, regardless of the quantity or type of permits in his/her possession, may harvest more than 2 antlered deer during a year, including the youth, archery, muzzleloader and firearm seasons. For purposes of this Section, deer seasons are considered to be in the same year if their opening dates fall within the same 12-month period that begins on July 1.
- b) Each hunter participating in the Youth Deer ~~Hunt~~ Hunting Season while using an Apprentice Hunter License or a Youth Hunting License must be accompanied by

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a non-hunting, validly-licensed (Illinois hunting license) parent, guardian or grandparent. All other hunters participating in the Youth Deer ~~Hunting Season~~Hunt must each be accompanied by a non-hunting supervisor (parent, guardian or responsible adult) who has a valid Illinois hunting license or who has in his or her possession a valid Firearm Owners Identification (FOID) Card. The non-hunting supervisor must wear the orange garments required of gun deer hunters, and must remain with the hunting youth so as to have the youth under immediate control. Youths participating in the first firearm deer season using only an unfilled Youth Deer Permit (i.e., youths without a firearm deer season permit for that county) must be accompanied by a supervisor as described in this subsection, but during the firearm deer season that supervisor may also hunt so long as he/she has the appropriate licenses and permits. Each supervisor may only accompany a single youth at any given time during the hunt. The supervising adult shall be criminally liable for the actions of the youth in the hunting party, and be subject to the criminal penalties provided by law.

- c) The temporary harvest tag must be attached and properly sealed immediately upon kill and before the deer is moved, transported or field dressed. No person shall leave any deer that has been killed without properly attaching the temporary harvest tag to the deer in the manner prescribed in Section 685.50 and on the permit.
- d) Hunters shall not have in their possession, while in the field during the Youth Deer Season, any deer permit issued to another person (permits are non-transferrable). Violation is a Class B misdemeanor (see 520 ILCS 5/2.24).
- e) Permits shall not be re-issued in cases involving deer taken which are found to be diseased or spoiled due to previous injury. Disposal of unfit deer taken shall be the responsibility of the hunter.

(Source: Amended at 39 Ill. Reg. _____, effective _____)

Section 685.50 Reporting Harvest of Deer

- a) Successful hunters must register their harvest by 10:00 p.m. on the same calendar day the deer was taken by calling the toll-free telephone check-in system at 1-866-ILCHECK or by accessing the on-line check-in system at <http://dnr.state.il.us/vcheck>. They will be provided with a confirmation number to

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verify that they checked in their harvest. This number must be written by the hunter on the temporary harvest tag (leg tag). If the condition of the tag precludes writing on the tag in the appropriate space (i.e., bloody, etc.), the confirmation number shall be written elsewhere on the tag, or onto a piece of paper and attached to the deer along with the temporary harvest tag. The deer must remain whole (or field dressed) until it has been checked in. In instances where deer are checked in while the hunter is still afield, the deer may not be dismembered while afield beyond quartering the animal. If quartered, all parts of the carcass (except the entrails removed during field dressing) must be transported together and evidence of sex must remain naturally attached to one quarter. Evidence of sex is:

- 1) For a buck: head with antlers attached to carcass or attached testicle, scrotum, or penis.
 - 2) For a doe: head attached to carcass or attached udder (mammary) or vulva.
- b) The harvest tag (leg tag) and confirmation number must remain attached to the deer until it is at the legal residence of the person who legally took or possessed the deer and final processing is completed. If the head/antlers are delivered to a taxidermist for processing, the confirmation number must be recorded on the "head tag" portion of the permit and both must remain with the deer while at the taxidermist's. If the carcass is taken to a meat processor, the harvest tag (leg tag) with confirmation number must remain with the deer while it is processed and until it is at the legal residence of the person who legally took or possessed the deer. Persons delivering deer/parts of deer to a tanner for processing must supply the tanner with either their deer permit number, their confirmation number, or a written certification by the person from whom the deer was received that the specimen was legally taken or obtained.
- c) In counties where Chronic Wasting Disease surveillance is occurring during the firearm deer season (see 17 Ill. Adm. Code 650.45(a)), successful hunters using their Youth Deer Permits during the first weekend of the firearm season may, at their option, register their harvest at a designated firearm deer check station by 8:00 p.m. on the day the deer was killed. In this situation, the "head tag" portion of the permit will be retained at the check station, and a permanent harvest tag will be attached to the deer upon registration. Tagging requirements for deer delivered to taxidermists, meat processors and tanners are as described in 17 Ill.

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Adm. Code 650.45(a). Youth hunters required to report under this subsection, but who are unable to locate a harvested deer in sufficient time to report the harvest by 8:00 p.m., must report the harvest as described in subsection (a).

de) Site specific reporting requirements must be followed in addition to this Section.

ed) Violation is a Class B misdemeanor (see 520 ILCS 5/2.24).

(Source: Amended at 39 Ill. Reg. _____, effective _____)